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Thirty-fifth Spring Session held with the church at Flat Lake, Montgomery county, N. C., on Saturday before the first Sunday in May 1919. Also of the Eighty-Eighth Annual Fall Session, held with the church at Clarks Grove Stanly county N. C., on Saturday before first Sunday in October 1919.

# BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

## SPRING SESSION 1919.

Flat Lake, Montgomery County, N. C.
May 3, 1919.

Assembled at the stand at 11 A. M. Praise and prayer by Elder A. G. Morton. Introductory sermon preached by Elder J. F. Mills. Text. Gen. 49-10.

Intermission one hour.

Then convened in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder J. E. Adams. Elder Mills took the chair and proceeded:

1. Called for and read the letters from the several churches.

2. Re-elected Elder J. F. Mills Moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Invited messengers from sister associations to seats. Elders Sam McMillon, S. J. Reich and W. R. Gallemore, present and seated.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats. Elder J. E. Adams present and seated, also brothers Tommie Brown, Enos Sikes, Nat Tucker, H. W. Johnson, Henry Tucker, L. A. Wright, J. S. Tucker, T. L. Maness, Ira Freeman, J. A. Maness and a brother Mabe.

5. Appointed on arrangement committee brothers W. H. Curlee, P. A. Howard and D. M. Hathcock with Moderator and Clerk.

6. Appointed to preach tomorrow Elders J. E. Adams, W. R. Gallemore, S. J. Reich and Sam McMillon.

7. Adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Elders McMillon and Adams preached at stand Saturday P. M.

## SUNDAY SERVICES, MAY 4

1. By Elder J. E. Adams. Text, 1st Cor., 2nd chapter and 2nd verse.

2. By Elder W. R. Gallemore. Text, 16th verse of first chapter of Ruth.

Intermission one hour.

3. By Elder S. J. Reich. Text, 9th verse of 2nd chapter of Hagaiah.

4. By Sam McMillon. Text, 4th and 5th verses of 55th chapter of Isaiah.

## MONDAY MORNING, MAY 5.

Convened at 9 A. M. pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder H. M. Williams.

8. Arrangement committee report read and adopted.

9. Called names of messengers and noted absentees.

10. Received reports from correspondents to sister associations.

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12. Elder Mills reported that he and Elder W. C. Edwards formed a Presbytery at Jerusalem church on Saturday before second Sunday in January, 1919 and ordained Brother Sandy Brewer a Deacon for that church.

13. Returned thanks to God and these brethren and friends here for kindnesses during this meeting.

14. Adjourned to time and place named in last minute.

Preaching at the stand Monday by Elders S. J. Reich and A. G. Morton.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator,
J. W. JONES, Clerk.

## MESSENGERS—SPRING SESSION, 1919.

Albemarle—E. L. Howard, Willie Solomon*, D. B. Howard.
Bear Creek—Daniel Furr, J. A. Barbee, Jason Eudy.
Bethany—By letter.
Brooms Grove—Elder H. M. Williams, T. M. Broom.
Concord—Not represented.
Clarks Grove—S. B. Tucker, R. M. Hatley, J. L. Helms*.
Crooked Creek—L. L. Little, H. E. Rowell, D. A. Simpson.
Flat Lake—D. P. Dunn, C. R. McLendon.
Freedom—A. J. Deese, J. W. Deese*.
High Hill—J. J. Hill*, C. T. Mills*, W. M. Clontz*.
High Ridge—J. F. Smith, Lonnie Thomas.
Howards Chapel—P. A. Howard, M. F. Coble, J. A. Hinson.
Jerusalem—W. H. Curlee, Sandy Brewer, W. C. Thomas.
Jones Hill—J. F. Curlee, Jona Morton, A. A. Morton.
Liberty—Not represented.
Liberty Hill—C. W. Safley, John Crisco, R. T. Burrus.
Lawyers Spring—J. W. Jones, R. F. Tyson, F. A. Preslar.
Meadow Creek—D. M. Hathcock, J. W. Tucker.
Mountain Creek—J. E. Russell, W. R. Morton, Elder B. L. Treece.
New Zion—Elder T. M. Standly*, W. E. Helms*, James Broom*.
Pleasant Grove—Elder J. F. Mills, L. L. Griffin, H. B. Godwin.
Pleasant Hill—L. B. Lee*, J. M. Hartseli*, J. H. Lee.
Philadelphia—By letter.
Running Creek—J. H. McClure, E. M. Hatley, J. D. Eudy.
Union Grove—T. F. Hill, H. W. Helms*, F. L. Baucom*.
Watson—E. C. Williams, W. A. Hargett, J. C. Rushing.

Absentees market thus (*).

# BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

## FALL SESSION, 1919.

Clark's Grove, Stanly County, N. C.
October 4, 1919.

Assembled at the stand in the grove at 11 o'clock A. M., and after praise and prayer, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. R. Helms, from 1st chapter of Second Timothy, 8th and 9th verses.

Intermission one hour.

Then convened in the house. Praise and prayer conducted by Elder W. C. Edwards. Elder Mills took the chair and proceeded as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the several churches. These were handed in and read by Brother H. M. Baucom, reading clerk.

2. Re-elected Elder J. F. Mills Moderator and J. W. Jones Clerk.

3. Invited messengers from sister associations to seats. Elder Sam McMillon, Elder W. R. Gallemore and Brethren P. M. Foster, C. E. Gallemore, of Abbotts Creek and Elder J. A. Cave, of Senter, and Elder S. C. Roberts, T. H. Bentley, J. R. Moore and W. A. Bentley, of Silver Creek, and Elder S. J. Reich and Tom Greer, of Salem were present and seated.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats. Elder J. A. Shaw of Elizabeth City was present. (Received file of minutes from Silver Creek.)

5. Appointed on committee of arrangements for Monday business, the following: Elder W. C. Edwards and Brothers Peter Howard, and S. L. Mullis with Moderator and Clerk.

6. Appointed on finance committee, Brothers L. L. Griffin and J. E. Russell.

7. That arrangement committee name preachers for Sunday. The following were designated: Elders W. R. Gallemore, J. A. Cave, S. C. Roberts, S. J. Reich and Sam McMillon. Services to commence at 10 A. M.

8. Several churches sent in requests for the association to be divided. These were referred to arrangement

committee.

9. Adjourned to 9:30 A. M. Monday morning.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Preaching at the stand Saturday evening by Elders J. A. Cave and S. C. Roberts.

## SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 5

Assembled at the stand at 10 o'clock A. M. Praise and prayer by Elder H. M. Williams. Then Elder W. R. Gallemore preached from Psalms 71, verses 17 and 18, followed by Elder J. A. Cave from Hebrews, 2nd chapter 1st to 4th verses.

Intermission one hour.

Preaching in afternoon by Elder S. C. Roberts, from 1st Timothy, 4th chapter and 16th verse, followed by Elder S. J. Reich, from 12th chapter of Hebrews and closed by Elder Sam McMillon from 2nd Timothy, 1st chapter and 9th verse.

There was a large and attentive congregation present and the services much enjoyed and we believe the name of God magnified.

## MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6.

Convened in the house at 9:30 A. M. pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder S. J. Reich.

Then Elder Mills resumed his seat and proceeded:

10. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read and adopted and committee discharged.

11. Called roll of messengers, noted absentees and read rules of decorum.

12. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. Reports were satisfactory.

12. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. The reports by Elder Reich of Salem, Elder McMillon of Abbotts Creek, Elder Cave of Senter and Elder Roberts of Silver Creek were heard with satisfaction.

14. Called Presbyteries to report. None reported.

15. That we continue correspondence with sister associations as follows: To Abbotts Creek, Elders J. F. Mills, H. M. Williams and Brothers J. F. Burrus, J. A.

Hinson and minutes. To Mill Branch: Elders W. C. Edwards, J. F. Mills and file of minutes. To Salem: Elder H. M. Williams and Brothers J. W. Jones, J. F. Burrus, L. L. Little and minutes. To Senter: Elders W. R. Helms, H. M. Williams and file of minutes. To Silver Creek: Elders T. M. Standly, W. R. Helms, H. M. Williams and Brother J. F. Burrus and minutes. To Mountain District: file of minutes.

16. Called on treasurer to report funds on hand from last year, who reported in treasury $8.00.

17. Finance committee reported minute fund sent up this year $67.10. Total fund on hand $75.10.

18. Agreed for finance committee and the clerk to apportion out surplus funds to home and visiting ministers.

19. That this association, has good cause to believe that B. F. Candill is now, and has been for some time, in gross disorder. Therefore we refuse to fellowship him or those who do fellowship or affiliate with him.

20. That our next Spring Session be held with the church at Running Creek, Stanly county, N. C., and convene on Saturday before first Sunday in May 1920 and that Elder W. C. Edwards is appointed to preach the introductory sermon at 11 o'clock A. M. Elder Henry Taylor alternate. And that the Annual or Fall Session be held with the church at High Hill, Union county, N. C., and convene on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1920. That Elder A. G. Morton is appointed to preach the introductory sermon at 11 o'clock A. M. Elder J. F. Mills alternate. That notices of these sessions be published by the clerk.

21. That the clerk serve as treasurer and have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual and have ten dollars for services.

22. That we thank God, this church and friends of the community for kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

23. Read and approved the above minutes.

24. Adjourned to times and places above mentioned.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Preaching services conducted Monday at the stand by Elders W. C. Edwards, S. C. Roberts and Sam McMil-

lon. We hope our future meetings may be noted for peace, union and fellowship.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator,
J. W. JONES, Clerk.

## NAMES OF MESSENGERS—FALL SESSION 1919

Albemarle—D. B. Howard, G. A. Hope, E. L. Howard.
Bear Creek—A. J. Furr, Jason Eudy, J. A. Barbee.
Bethany—By letter.
Brooms Grove—Elder H. M. Williams, T. M. Broom, E. S. Honeycutt
Concord—Elder W. R. Helms, J. F. Burrus, M. A. Helms.
Clarks Grove—R. M. Hatley, J. L. Helms, W. E. Williams.
Crooked Creek—L. L. Little, H. E. Powell, D. A. Simpson.
Flat Lake—C. R. McLendon, D. P. Dunn*.
Freedom—J. W. Deese, A. J. Deese.
High Hill—D. S. Jones, W. M. Clontz, J. J. Hill.
High Ridge—Lonnie Thomas, John Smith, J. P. Rushing.
Howards Chapel—J. A. Hinson, M. F. Coble, R. B. Burrus.
Jerusalem—W. H. Curlee, T. F. Mills, W. C. Thomas.
Jones Hill—A. A. Morton, Henry Howard, Walter Greene.
Liberty—Elder Henry Taylor, Edmond Privitt*, J. B. Whitley.
Liberty Hill—John Crisco, R. T. Burrus, John Morton.
Lawyers Spring—J. W. Jones, F. A. Preslar, R. F. Tyson.
Meadow Creek—J. W. Tucker, E. B. Honeycutt, D. M. Hathcock.
Mountain Creek—J. E. Russell, W. R. Morton*, J. C. Miller*.
New Zion—Elder T. M. Standly, J. P. Whitley, W. A. Helms*.
Pleasant Grove—L. L. Griffin, H. B. Godwin, E. Mullis.
Pleasant Hill—E. J. Liles*, Sam Rimmer, J. M. Hartsell.
Philadelphia—Foster Beam*, F. N. Gardner*, Julius Beam*.
Running Creek—G. M. Tucker, W. H. Hatley, J. H. McClure.
Union Grove—T. A. McClellan, T. F. Hill, S. D. Outen.
Watson—E. C. Williams, W. A. Hargett, Joel Mullis.

Absentees, marked thus (*).

# STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1919.

| CHURCHES | Experience and Baptism | Received By Letter | Restored | Dismissed By Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Membership | Contribution for minutes and Associational ex. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albemarle | 2 | | | | | | 19 | $1.75 |
| Bear Creek | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 23 | 2.00 |
| Bethany | | | | | | | 3 | 1.50 |
| Brooms Grove | | | | 2 | | 1 | 7 | 1.00 |
| Concord | | | | | | 1 | 21 | 1.50 |
| Clarks Grove | 2 | 3 | | | | | 18 | 1.45 |
| Crooked Creek | | | | | | | 26 | 3.25 |
| Flat Lake | | | | | | | 9 | 2.00 |
| Freedom | | | | | | | 5 | 1.00 |
| High Hill | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | 3 | 32 | 6.00 |
| High Ridge | | | | | | | 25 | 2.35 |
| Howards Chapel | 3 | | | 1 | | | 27 | 3.00 |
| Jerusalem | 2 | | | | | 1 | 27 | 6.00 |
| Jones Hill | | 1 | | 3 | | | 22 | 2.00 |
| Liberty | | | | | | 2 | 19 | 2.00 |
| Liberty Hill | 2 | | | | 1 | | 25 | 2.00 |
| Lawyers Spring | 2 | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | 40 | 6.25 |
| Meadow Creek | | | | | | | 21 | 1.50 |
| Mountain Creek | | | | | 1 | | 18 | 2.50 |
| New Zion | | | | | 1 | | 21 | 1.50 |
| Pleasant Grove | 6 | 1 | 1 | | | | 31 | 3.00 |
| Pleasant Hill | | | | | | | 22 | 2.00 |
| Philadelphia | | 1 | 2 | | | | 18 | 1.75 |
| Running Creek | 2 | 1 | | | | | 23 | 2.00 |
| Union Grove | 4 | | | | | 4 | 31 | 5.25 |
| Watson | 2 | | | | | | 18 | 2.55 |
| TOTALS | 29 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 13 | 551 | 67.10 |

## CHURCHES. CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES, 1919.

**Communion Sunday**

Albemarle—E. L. Howard, Route 4, Albemarle, N. C. __ 3rd June
Bear Creek—Aaron Furr, Route 6, Albemarle, N. C. __ 1st August
Bethany—Miss Jane P. Jones, R. A., Wadesboro, N. C., 3rd August
Brooms Grove—J. P. Honeycutt, Monroe, N. C. __ __ 4th September
Concord—W. A. Helms, Kanapolis N. C., 529 Chestnut St. 1st Sept.
Clarks Grove—J. L. Helms, Stanfield, N. C. __ __ __ __ __ 2nd July
Crooked Creek—H. E. Rowell, R. 1, Indian Trail, N. C. . . 3rd July
Freedom— J. W. Deese, R. 6, Albemarle, N. C. __ __ __ 2nd October
Flat Lake—Charles McLendon, Mt. Gilead, N. C. R. 1.
High Hill—D. S. Jones, R. 2, Monroe, N. C. __ __ 1st September
High Ridge—J. B. Medlin, R. 1, Marshville, N. C. __ __ 3rd July
Howard's Chapel—J. A. Hinson, Aquadale, N. C. __ 1st September
Jerusalem—T. F. Mills, R. 2, Marshville, N. C. __ __ __ 2nd August
Jones Hill—J. S. Little, Oakboro, N. C. __ . . __ __ 3rd September
Liberty—J. B. Whitley, Monroe, N. C. __ __ __ __ __ __ 4th July
Liberty Hill—C. W. Safley, R. 2, Oakboro, N. C. __ __ __ 4th July
Lawyer's Spring—H. M. Baucom, Peachland, N. C. __ __ 1st August
Meadow Creek—D. M. Hathcock, Stanfield, N. C. . . __ 3rd August
Mountain Creek—J. E. Russell, R2, Albemarle, N. C. 4th September
New Zion—J. P. Whitley, R. 7, Concord, N. C. __ __ 2nd September
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, R. 2, Barber, N. C. __ __ __ 4th June
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Helms, Marshville, N. C. __ __ __ 2nd July
Philadelphia—Foster Beam, Ellenboro, N. C. __ __ __ __ 4th August
Running Creek—G. M. Tucker, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. . . 2nd August
Union Grove—I. N. Medlin, R. 2, Monroe, N. C. __ 2nd September
Watson—S. L. Mullis, R. 2, Unionville, N. C. __ __ __ __ 4th May

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Elder J. F. Mills, Route 1, Marshville, N. C.
Elder W. R. Helms, Mooresville, N. C.
Elder H. M. Williams, Indian Trail, N. C.
Elder W. C. Edwards, Wingate, N. C.
Elder Henry Taylor, Monroe, N. C.
Elder B. L. Treece, Albemarle, N. C.
Elder T. M. Standley, Albemarle, N. C.
Elder A. G. Morton, Oakboro, N. C.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1919

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| Sent up by the churches this year | $67.10 |
| In treasury from last year | 8.00 |
| Total | $75.10 |

### DISBURSEMENTS

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| For printing and mailing minutes | $38.50 | |
| Allowance to Clerk | 10.00 | |
| Distributed to ministers | 28.00 | |
| | $76.50 | $76.50 |
| Deficit | | $ 1.40 |

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## RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. A Moderator, or Chief Speaker, and Clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another member; provided, he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Chief Speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6th. No member of the Association shall address any

other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8th. The names of all members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

9th. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association, shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, their federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy

Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptised, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

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## Form of Government (or Constitution) of the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Asso.

Which was adopted in the date of A. D. 1832, and has been in vogue ever since.

1st. The Association shall be composed of members duly chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association, who producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to a seat.

2nd. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead since the last Association.

3rd. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Bear Creek Association, who shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor have any ecclesiastical power to infringe on the internal rights of the church, nevertheless in some cases, it becomes necessary

to have some uniform rule of proceeding, vis: When an offense may be committed by one church against another, we advise the church so offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction, and if she fail of success, she may call in the aid of two or more churches in the union to assist in the labors, and, if finally, satisfaction in the opinion of the helps cannot be obtained, then the aggrieved church may bring the case before the Association, whose duty it shall be to act on it; and also, when any serious difference may arise, in any individual church, which they all, after due labor had, cannot reconcile, we advise the church then to call in the aid of one or more churches in the union to assist in the work; and, if no satisfaction can be had, it may be brought before the Association, who shall act on it, and further to illustrate the mode of proceeding in the above cases, reference shall be had to the 18th chapter of the gospel of Matthew and other Scriptures, which respect discipline for the bringing to trial, and determining on the case of an individual member of an individual church, and the Association will take cognizance of no case of the kind unless the above proceeding be had thereon.

4th. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper Decorum, which they are authorized to form for themselves.

5th. The Association shall appoint a Chief Speaker, or Moderator, from among themselves for the time being, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum shall be attended to, to take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before them; and a Clerk shall be appointed by the Association, whose duty it shall be to take a correct minute of the proceedings of the Association, keep a regular file of the minutes, who shall be at liberty to choose his assistant.

6th. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and delegate, or delegates, on examination, if found orthodox and orderly may be received and may be manifested by the Chief Speaker, or Moderator, giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegate, or delegates.

7th. Every church shall be entitled to representation in the Association, but shall not have more than three

members from a church.

8th. Any query presented to the Association by any church in the union shall be read, on which the opinion of the Association shall be taken, whether it be considered, and if there be a majority for taking it into consideration it shall be examined, otherwise it shall be withdrawn, nevertheless no query except such as relate to the general union, shall be received from any church which has not been deliberately considered in the church in which it originated and which they cannot get satisfaction.

9th. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it be withdrawn by the person who made it together with his second.

10th. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of their proceedings, and in order to enable them to do it in the most convenient manner, it is recommended that the churches should contribute such sums of money as they think proper and send by their messengers, which, when received, shall be put into the hands of the Treasurer appointed for that purpose, and shall be distributed as the Association may direct for the benefit of the churches.

11th. Presbyteries for the purpose of constituting churches or acting in conjunction with the churches, in ordaining ministers, or restoring those whose gifts have been suspended by excommunication to their former functions, shall be composed of two or more ministers of the union.

12th. The Association shall provide for the general union of the churches, preserve a chain of communication among them, give them advice in matters of difficulties, enquire into the cause why any churches fail to represent themselves in the Association, appropriate the money sent by the churches for the Associational fund to any purpose they may think proper or necessary for the benefit of the churches, and appoint any member or members of the Association with his or their consent to transact any business for the benefit of the union which they think proper.

13th. The Association may withdraw from any church or churches that are disorderly in principle or practice.

14th. The Association may, at its sitting, admit any distant brethren, whose principles accord with theirs, to sit with them, who shall be at liberty to discourse upon any question and give light, but not permitted to vote except touching the general union.

15th. All questions should be determined by a majority of members present, except in the reception of churches, which should be unanimous.

16th. Two-thirds of the members form a quorum to do business.

17th. Amendments may be made to this form of government and to this constitution—a majority of members being present.

18th. The minutes of the Association may be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Chief Speaker and Clerk.

19th. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they may think proper.